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## **EPA Director for Health Receives Presidential Award**

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Research Triangle Park, NC.....Dr. Hal Zenick, Associate Director for Health at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the Research Triangle Park, has received the Presidential Meritorius Executive Award in recognition of his innovative leadership in science administration. The award was conferred by the President for Zenick's outstanding leadership and service that have advanced environmental health effects research; provided cost reductions and built partnerships with other organizations and industry.

Recognized accomplishments include:

- Provided leadership in the development of new test methodologies and innovative test sequencing (a tiered test approach of chemicals that screens chemicals for their potential adverse effects and eliminates expensive, unnecessary tests) that have resulted in cost savings to the government and industry.
- Streamlined and restructured scientific and management approaches that have resulted in elimination of bureaucracy and increased collaboration within the laboratory and with other research organizations.
- Implemented new research planning initiatives to meet the needs of EPA's regulatory offices, Congress and other clients.
- Led in efforts to build partnerships with other federal agencies and the private sector to address environmental issues of special public significance.
- Developed a long-term strategy to enhance minority education and research training and recruit women and minorities.

Zenick oversees five health divisions at the EPA's National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory which has an annual budget of approximately \$50 million. He is a noted toxicologist and expert on the effects of chemicals on the nervous and reproductive systems and has authored over 100 publications, books and chapters including a chapter on reproductive toxicology in one of the leading textbooks in the field of toxicology.